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Hale flies high as Eagle

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Spencer Hale, a 2008 Duxbury High School graduate, recently received his Eagle Scout award after years of participating in Boy Scouts.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank achievable in Boy Scouting. Hale now shares the distinction with men like former president Gerald Ford, TV newsman Walter Cronkite and Apollo 13 astronaut James Lovell.

Doug Adams, a former Scoutmaster, presented Hale with the award after Hale earned 21 merit badges and completed his final project.

"I built a small moveable stage for the Duxbury Student Union. It's all black, made of four pieces and is just big enough for the coffee house area. It designates a space for the performer and raises their head a little higher than the crowd," Hale said.

His mother, Wendy, told him about the student union when it was being constructed. "We heard it was a possible performance space, and



Spencer Hale receives his Eagle Scout award from former Scoutmaster Doug Adams. Hale built a stage for the DSU for his final project.

when he was 10 years old. Over the years, he has done many activities to earn merit badges, such as canoeing, white water rafting and metal work. He said the best part of his scouting career was scout camp. "I went to scout camp for six years and every year I made really good friendships. I wasn't going in expecting to

Both of his older brothers, Naushon and Tristian, were also Boy Scouts. Naushon became an Eagle Scout and Tristian made it to the level before Eagle Scout.

"Once you're an Eagle Scout, you're an Eagle Scout for life. I have to live by the code; I'm tattooed, so to speak."

Looking into the future, Hale said once he has his own family he would get his kids involved in the Boy Scouts and would get involved himself as well. "The best way to thank the people who helped me is to give back to that same cause."

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I'm big into performing, so we thought of ways to help out with the building."

Hale started out as a Tiger Cub and became a Boy Scout

get close to people, but I ended up developing really strong friendships."

Hale's family is very committed to the scouting program.



Spencer and his brother Tristan carry the completed stage, the result of Spencer Hale's Eagle project, into the Student Union building.